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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN CLARE NAMED JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET
UNION, OPENING OF JAMAICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW

1. BENJAMIN CLARE, JAMAICA'S PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION. CLARE HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO CUBA SINCE 1975, AND CONCURRENTLY HAS BEEN JAMAICA'S AMBASSADOR TO PERU. PRIOR TO HIS DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE, CLARE WAS A MEMBER OF THE JAMAICAN SENATE AND SERVED AS ITS DEPUTY PRESIDENT FROM 1972 TO 1975. NOW 39, CLARE TRAINED AS AN ATTORNEY IN LONDON AND PRACTICED LAW IN JAMAICA BEFORE HIS ENTRY INTO POLITICS. HE ENDORSES JAMAICA'S EMERGING "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM" AND HAS DEFENDED CUBAN POSITIONS ON ANGOLA AND PUERTO RICO. BOTH CLARE AND HIS WIFE, A DISAFFECTED AMERICAN CITIZEN, HAVE BEEN HARD-LINE CRITICS OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD.

2. PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF BEN CLARE, JAMAICA'S MISSION IN MOSCOW WILL BE RUN BY LOUIS BOOTHE, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHARGE D' AFFAIRES, A.I. THE CONGENIAL BOOTHE, WHO IS NOW DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL
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AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 24.

3. BOOTHE HAS ADVISED US THAT HIS SOLE ROLE IN MOSCOW WILL BE THAT OF ESTABLISHING THE JAMAICAN EMBASSY, AND THAT HE WILL RETURN TO KINGSTON BY THE END OF OCTOBER. UNLIKE BEN CLARE, BOOTHE IS EXTREMELY

FRIENDLY TOWARD THE US, QUIETLY CRITICAL OF HIS GOVERN-
MENT AND SOME OF ITS MORE RADICAL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
POLICIES, AND ALWAYS IS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE WITH
THIS EMBASSY. HE PROBABLY WILL SEEK INFORMAL ADVICE
FROM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW ON VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS
OF DIPLOMATIC LIFE IN MOSCOW. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO
US IF ALL APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE COULD
BE RENDERED TO BOOTHE.
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